



# Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

## FINAL

### Jefferson River Meridian Bridge Reconstruction Temporary Closure Rules

#### **I. PURPOSE**

(1) The purpose of the following rules is to address public safety concerns on the Jefferson River associated with the replacement of the Meridian Bridge's concrete beams.

(2) It is necessary to temporarily close a portion of the Jefferson River from the Sappington Bridge FAS to the Drouiliard FAS from July 12 to July 18, 2023, to assure public safety while Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) performs reconstruction work on the bridge.

#### **II. JEFFERSON RIVER BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION CLOSURE**

(1) The Jefferson River, from Sappington Bridge FAS to the Drouiliard FAS, shall be closed to all recreational floating and vessel use.

(2) This rule does not affect any rules that may be adopted to address unforeseen temporary, emergency situations.

#### **III. EXCEPTIONS TO RIVER CLOSURES**

(1) The general exceptions and applications identified in 12.11.505, ARM, apply to this rule.

#### **IV. EFFECTIVE DATE AND EXPIRATION OF THESE RULES**

(1) These rules are effective upon final approval of the commission.

(2) These rules expire when in-river construction associated with the Meridian Bridge project is completed.

(3) These rules may be amended or repealed upon approval of the commission.

(4) Prior to expiration, the commission may extend the effective date of these rules for no more than one year.